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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University baseball coach Tom McDevitt announced that four transfers and one high school player will be playing their college baseball at EIU next season.

Three of the transfers are pitchers and "all three are expected to be in the starting rotation," said McDevitt. They are BILL TAYLOR (ZION-Z.-BENTON), MIKE MURRIE (HARRISBURG/SOUTHEASTERN CC) and DARIN KOPAC (CHICAGO-CURIE/MORaine VALLEY CC).

The other transfer is second baseman BRAD TAMMEN (CHARLESTON-LAKE LAND CC). The lone prep is shortstop BRIAN FILOSA (BENSENVILLE-FENTON).

TAYLOR, 6-4, 185, has pitched two years at Lake County CC and one year at the University of Missouri. A righthander, he was 6-4 his final year at Lake County with a 3.27 ERA striking out 82 in 66 innings.

He was 3-4 his one year Missouri but "was offered a contract by the Kansas City Royals this past summer," said McDevitt.

MURRIE, a 6-1, 185, lefthander, struck out 58 in 58 innings his final year at Southeastern CC. He was 7-4 with a 3.00 ERA. Similar to Taylor, MURRIE has only one year eligibility remaining as he compiled a 2-7 record pitching one season at Kansas University.

KOPAC, a 5-9 righthander, was 8-2 this past season at Moraine Valley CC. He struck out 59 in 68 innings with a 1.75 ERA.

"Darin is a pitcher. He changes speeds, has a good breaking ball and keeps it down," said McDevitt.

TAMMEN batted .317 with two homers and 10 doubles at Lake Land CC. He competed in the North-South junior college all-star game this past summer.

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"Brad will contend for the starting spot at second base. He will work hard and is a real hustler, and you won't find a nicer young man. . . he's a real gentleman," said McDevitt.

FILOSA earned All-North Suburban Conference honors batting .350 for Fenton HS. He also played for the North Team in the Junior Olympic Festival this summer at Chapel Hill, NC.

"Brian has a chance to be an outstanding fielder, and I think his hitting will improve," said McDevitt. "Several professional teams considered drafting him this past spring."

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